

PROGRAM TITLE: TOWER STUDIES

OBJECTIVE: Obtain a better understanding of the mechanism involved in tower processing and translate this understanding to an expanded product with better filling power and particle size.

PROGRAM APPROACH AND TIMING:

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| A. Complete evaluation of tower heating profile based on temperature distribution.                                  | 1st Qtr.     |
| B. Determine the feasibility of obtaining the post treating effect in the tower by operating at higher temperature. | 1st Qtr.     |
| C. Evaluate tangential or other type separation device.   | 1st-2nd Qtr. |

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